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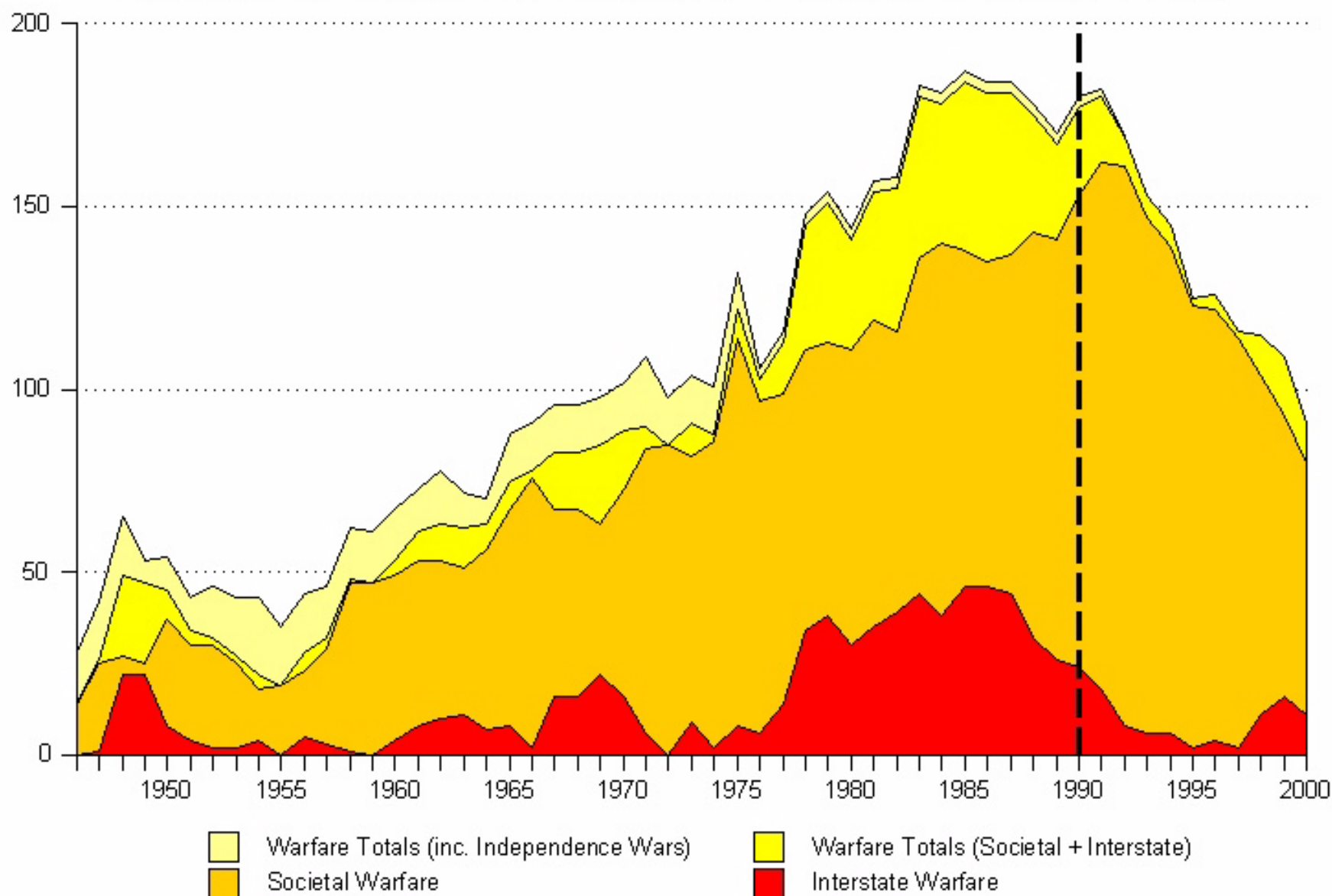


Global Trends 2015

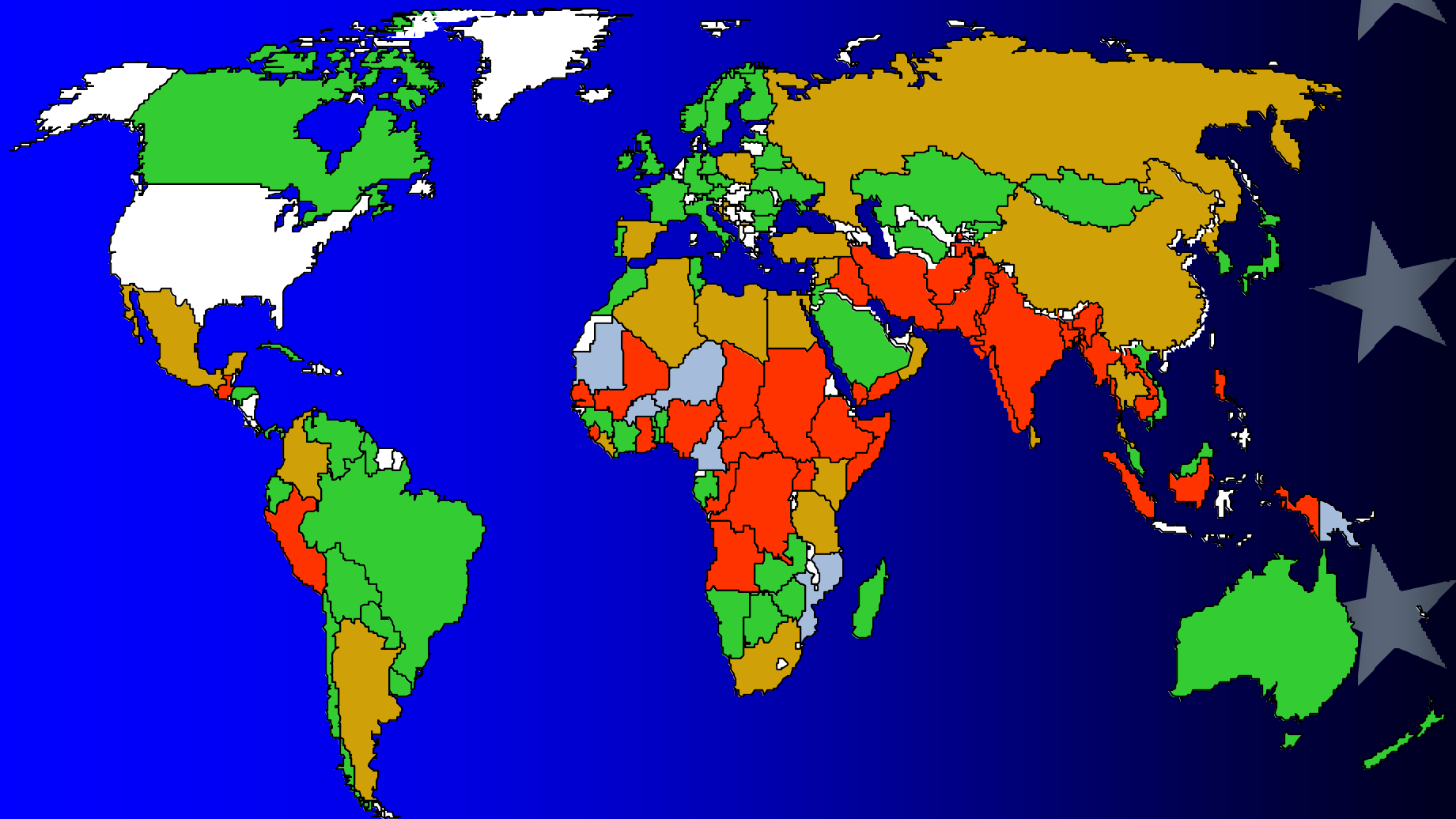
A Dialogue About the Future

28 February 2002

Global Trends in Violent Conflict, 1946-2000

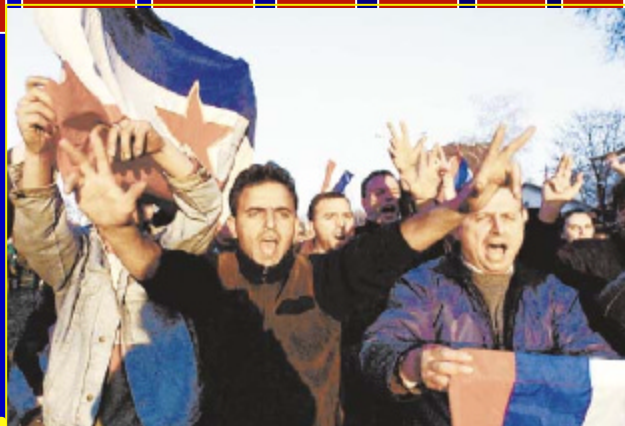


Potential for Instability...2001



Implications

- More people in need
- More peace operations and internal conflicts



UN Peace Operations

	48-88	89-98
Number	10	31
Size	3.6k	8k
Cost	\$178 mil	\$1.3 bil
VII Ops	2	6

• For US Forces

- Higher OPTEMPO
- Robust Peacetime Posture of Engagement
- Exposure to Asymmetric Environments and Adversaries
- Global Intelligence Coverage

Terrorism

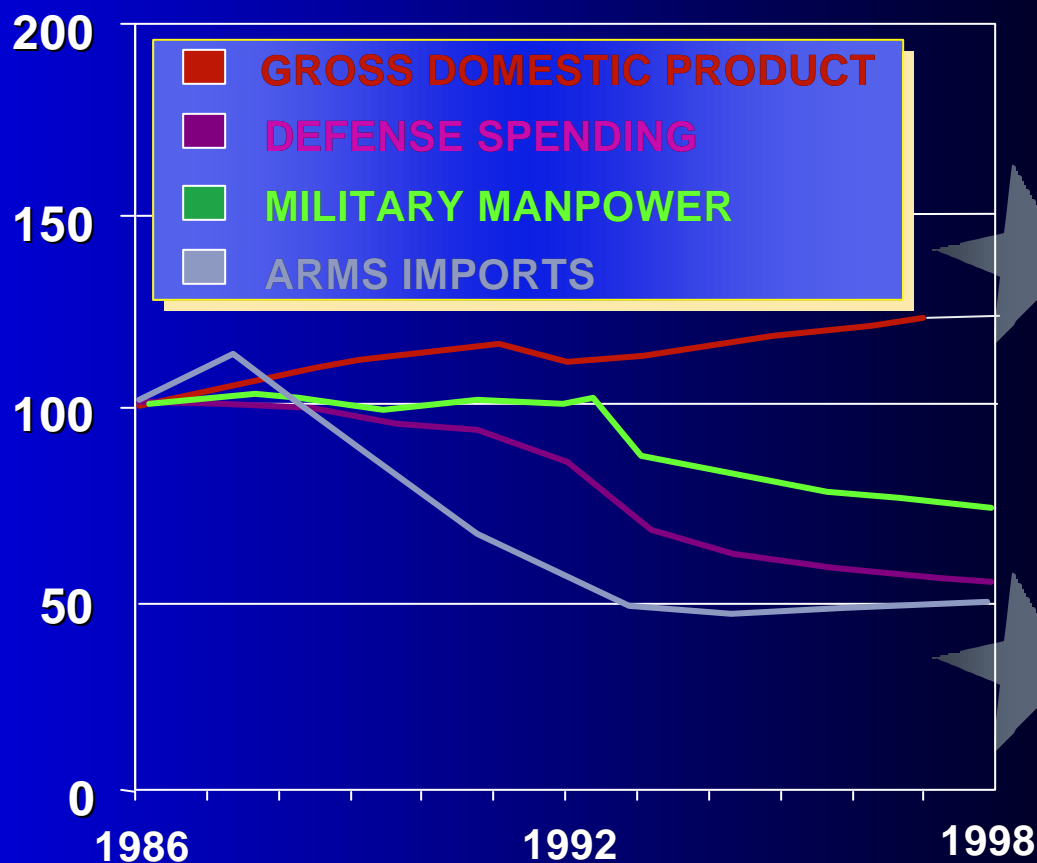
- Root causes remain ... threat to US will increase
- Middle East-based groups the most important threat
- Increasing potential for mass casualty attacks
- A very difficult intelligence target



Military Trends

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- Reduced Global defense spending

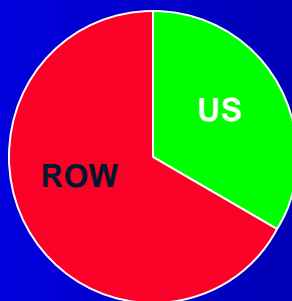
1986 = 100 (Excluding US)



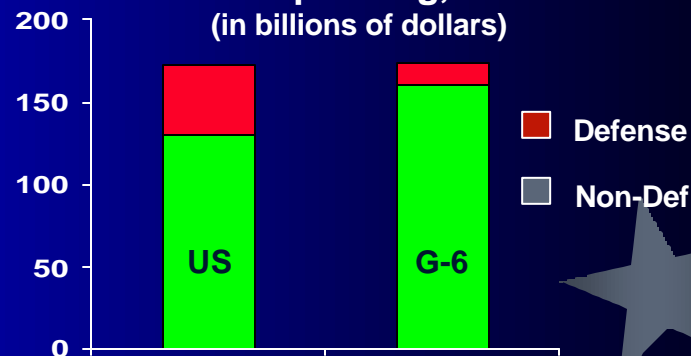
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Global Defense Spending (1998)

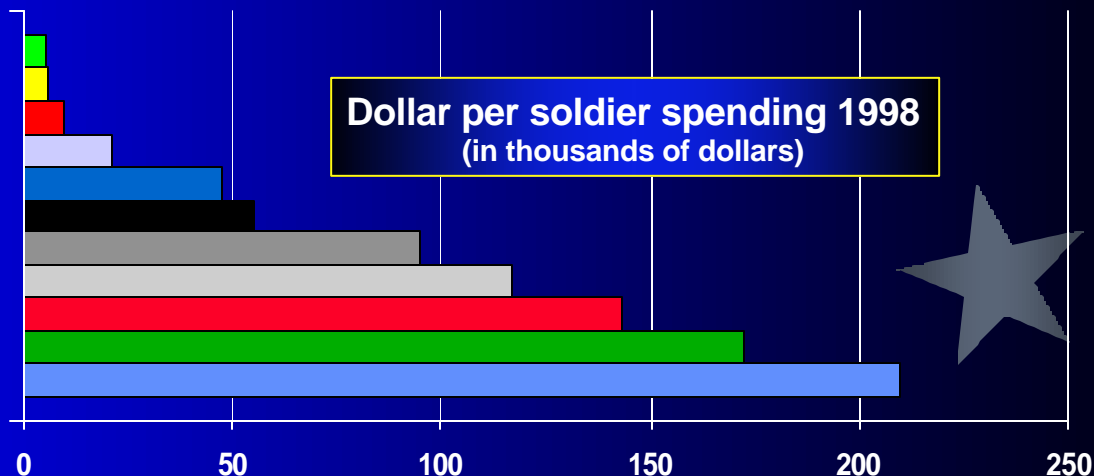


R&D Spending, 1997
(in billions of dollars)



Iraq
N. Korea
Iran
China
Israel
Russia
France
Germany
UK
US
Japan

Dollar per soldier spending 1998
(in thousands of dollars)





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- WMD

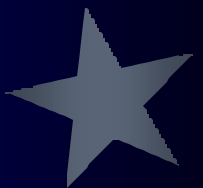
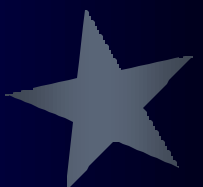
The probability that a missile armed with WMD would be used against US forces or interests is higher today than during most of the Cold War...



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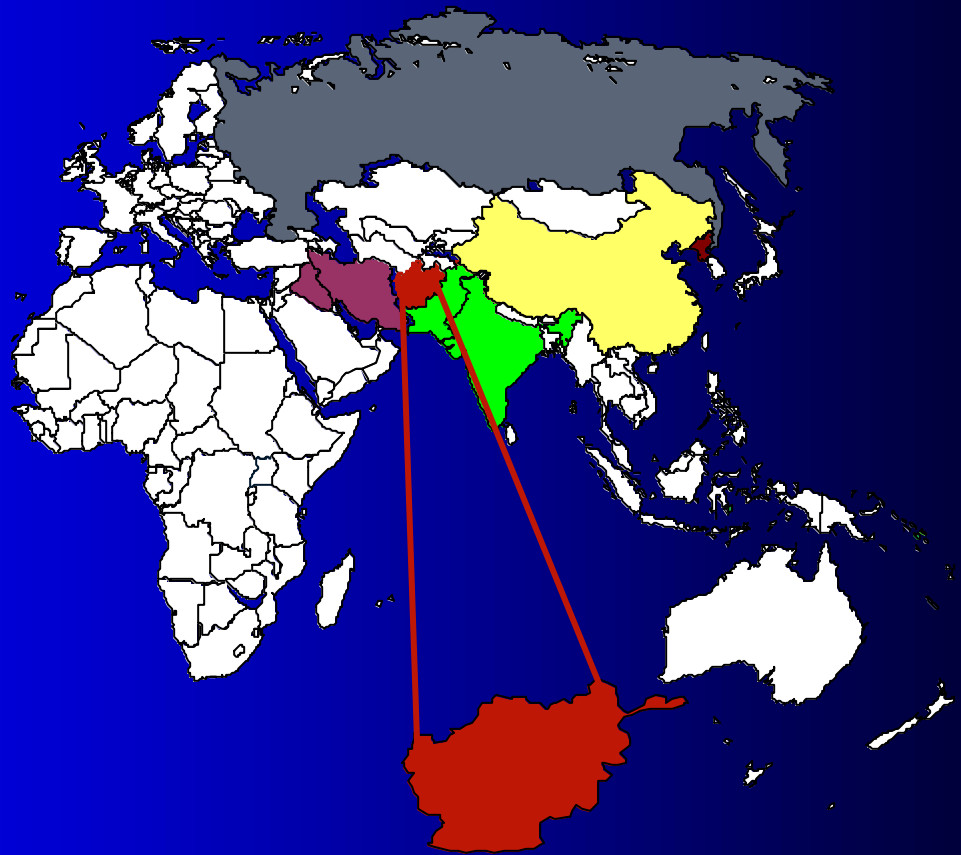
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- WMD
- Terrorism
- Information Operations
- Infrastructure Attacks

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- Interstate challenges



Bottom Line

Challenges to Global Stability Remain

No Peer

But emerging
threats to the
homeland

Greatest Threat
Potential

Most
Worrisome
Trends:



Most Likely Day-to-Day
Threats

